

## ONE WOULD VOTE FOR REFERENDUM

M. A. Campbell for Enabling Act, but Opposes Anti-Jug Bill.

Last of all the ten candidates for the Democratic nomination for the House of Delegates from Richmond to reply to the queries propounded by S. L. Ledman and others, M. A. Campbell, of Washington Ward, says that he would vote for a referendum on the liquor question. He will, however, oppose a bill to prevent shipments of liquor into dry territory, in the absence of national legislation regulating interstate commerce.

Eight of the candidates have expressed their opposition to both the planks in the platform of the Anti-Liquor League, while all ten are opposed to the anti-jug plank. Mr. Campbell will vote for submission, while Dr. George B. Steel might favor such a plan after he sees the bill, and if a certain number, not indicated by him, should petition for a measure of this kind.

Mr. Campbell's letter is as follows: Richmond, Va., August 15, 1911. Mr. S. L. Ledman, Richmond, Va.:

Dear Sir:—I have just returned to the city after an absence of ten days, and find your communication of the 5th instant requesting me to advise you how I would vote upon certain questions if I am elected to the House of Delegates from the city of Richmond.

Your first inquiry is: "In the event a bill is presented in the General Assembly restoring the privilege granted in liquor licenses to the sale of intoxicating liquors in those places only where licenses can be legally granted, and to the shipment of intoxicating liquors to those parts only where licenses have already been granted, thus carrying out the principle of the local option law to its logical conclusion,"

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and thus preventing the nullification of the expressed will of the people." My answer to this inquiry is, that until Congress acts upon this matter any legislation by the State would be ineffective. Therefore I would vote against such a bill.

Your next question is as follows: "In the event a bill is presented providing for an enabling act which will authorize the holding of an election upon the question of a State-wide prohibitory law whenever said election is demanded by twenty-five per cent. of the qualified voters of the State."

My reply to this question is, that I have been a Democrat all of my life, not a political prohibitionist nor a prohibition politician, and I am a candidate for nomination subject to the Democratic primary, and as a Democrat I recognize the right of the majority to be heard on any public question of large importance. Therefore if elected I would vote for such a measure so that the people of the State may have the privilege of deciding this question for themselves, and in order that this vexed question may be decided independent of party consideration and without involving ordinary political or party alignments.

Very respectfully yours, (Signed) M. A. CAMPBELL.

Watermelon Feast.

Members of the Common Council and Board of Aldermen have been invited to attend a watermelon feast, given by the East End Citizens' Association next Tuesday night.

## WEATHER IN COTTON BELT

Summary of Conditions Reported in Washington, August 15, by Bulletin.

Washington, August 15.—Occasional showers, with sufficient warmth and sunshine, prevailed in the central portion of the cotton belt, and the week just ended, according to the national weekly weather bulletin, issued today. Over the more Eastern portions of the week was mostly dry, and some rain is needed for surface requirements, as well as to replenish the low

## News of South Richmond

South Richmond Bureau, The Times-Dispatch, 1025 Hull Street.

Phone Madison 173.

There was much excitement at Oak Grove yesterday when fire broke out at 205 Auburn Avenue in the house occupied by Mrs. Conklin. That a bucket brigade in a closet of her home would result in a fire was the last thought which would enter the mind of Mrs. Conklin, when at about 1 o'clock she opened the door of the closet to get some of that health-giving and precious fluid. It was not the fact that the bucket brigade was effective and it was not the fact that Mrs. Conklin had put in the closet a mass of flammable material which caused the accident, but the fact that it was a fire which broke out in her home, and that she was the only one who was not injured.

Whether she threw the light in her neighbor's house, or whether she struck the match, whether she had gone out she is unable to say. The fact remains that the closet was a mass of flammable material, and that it was a fire which broke out in her home, and that she was the only one who was not injured.

Mrs. Conklin ran out into the street calling for help. One of the first citizens to respond to the call was the Rev. David G. Lancaster, pastor of the Oak Grove Baptist Church, whose home is at 607 Petersburg

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water supply. The summary by States follows:

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North Carolina—Sunshine above normal; rainfall generally light, except in mountain district, where heavy; general rains in some central and southern counties.

South Carolina—Warm and rather dry; temperature above normal and precipitation generally light and scattered; sunshine above normal.

Up to the closing hour yesterday at the Auditor's office, thirty-four commissioners in counties had not reported either their land or their personal property books. In addition, two cities had not been heard from. It is understood that Portsmouth, one of these, has a valid excuse in an abnormal batch of corrected assessments, said to number 400, decreed by the court, which necessarily delays the work of the commissioner. No reason for the delay in the remaining city of Clifton Forge has appeared.

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